

**PRESENT & ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS - PRLAC MANAGEMENT PLAN (OUTLINE DRAFT)**  
**3/15/11 DISCUSS ADDITIONS TO – DELETIONS FROM LIST – WORDING ENHANCEMENT**

1. Political climate/special interests –

- CSPA will be modified:
  - DES will not be allowed access to permit application site without permission which can be denied
  - Commissioner can waive rules, thus one person is empowered to override law. Political loophole
  - Point system used to determine adequacy of Waterfront Buffer emasculated. Two 24” trees would be sufficient to meet new buffer score requirement in 50’ section
  - Violation penalties reduced \$20,000 to \$5,000 to be levied only if person “knowingly” violates
- Is this PRLAC’s problem?
  - The survey results indicated that there were several overlapping concerns related to this.
  - If it is a PRLAC problem, how can it be woven into the management plan?

2. Demographics and Land Use

- Population growth
  - It is projected that ~100,000 more people will be living in NH by 2020; ~2,750 more in Pemi corridor towns
  - With population increases, we can expect water demand to increase
  - Withdrawals may lead to reduced flow to dilute WWTP effluent and less protection of the aquatic habitat
- Land Use
  - More conversion of land to impervious surfaces, more runoff imperils ground water; this can impact aquifer replenishment

- Over 150,000 acres were converted to developed uses between 1982 and 1997; this data should be updated

3. Climate change: deluge to drought - extreme rainfall patterns

- Can we present supporting data?
- Stream crossing rules changes
- Is this a PRLAC problem?
  - Some respondents to the survey expressed concern.
  - If it is a PRLAC problem, how can we weave this into the management plan?

4. Impairments have been identified along the Pemi.

- How serious are these?
- What are the implications for PRLAC?

5. Failed Septic system concerns

- This emerged as a elevated concern in survey
- How do we reconcile with PRLAC perceptions of priority?

6. Insufficient buffer protection on major tributaries

- Gather information on current rules/safeguards
- This is a major political issue. Legislate?
- Are towns willing to intervene?

7. Corps of Engineers comprehensive study of Pemi

- Low flows in August and September of 2010; high flows Spring 2011
- Purpose – modeling for withdrawal decisions; Other?
- Should the management plan incorporate these results?
- Implications

8. Provide clarification on responsibility for water quality in NH

9. Education – members & constituents

- Attendance at Planning Board and CC meetings. Overlap issues?
- Conferences and workshops, such as state Water & Watershed and Drinking Water Source Protection Conferences

10. Water Quality

- Anti-degradation approach, maintain or exceed statutory designated uses in Pemi, tributaries so users can depend on reliable clean water sources to enjoy swimming, fishing, boating.

11. Improve how we reach constituents.

- Conventional means
- Other methods, such as at river access points

12. Groundwater protection

- What is PRLAC's role in identifying "water supply lands"?